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FROM PAGANELLI, EMBASSY DOHA

BEIRUT FOR RCAA DWOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, MASS, QA

SUBJECT: QATARI AIR FORCE INTEREST IN TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

REF: KUWAIT 4874 AND 4897; PAGANELLI/LUMSDEN TELECON OF 11/21

1. DURING NOV 25 CONVERSATION WITH BRIGADIER MUHAMMAD AL  
ATTIHAY, DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF QATARI ARMED FORCES,  
I INFORMED HIM OF AVAILABILITY OF THREE BOEING 707 CARGO AIRCRAFT  
WHICH MEET SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY QATARI AIR FORCE;  
I SAID QUESTION OF TEN-YEAR SUPPLY OF SPARES STILL BEING STUDIED  
AND ANSWER WOULD BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS IT RECEIVED (REF TELECON).

2. ATTIYAH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO  
HIS REQUEST AND SAID GOQ IN MARKET FOR TWO (NOT ONE AS PRE-  
VIOUSLY REPORTED) CARGO AIRCRAFT. HE SAID HE WOULD AWAIT OUR  
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FURTHER WORK AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING SOME IDEA OF PRICE

AND TIMING.

3. ATTIYAH STRESSED URGENT GOQ NEED FOR MILITARY CARGO CAPABILITY. HE SAID QATARIS WERE FED UP WITH HAVING TO RELY ON EXPENSIVE AND UNRELIABLE CHARTER SERVICES TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND PARTICULARLY AMMUNITION.

4. AT MY REQUEST, ATTIYAH THEN CLARIFIED GOQ INTEREST IN LOCKHEED C-130 AIRCRAFT. HE SAID THAT C-130 WAS IDEAL FOR GOQ'S REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING ATTIYAH, PRICE WAS JUST TOO HIGH AND GOQ NO LONGER INTERESTED.

5. COMMENT: C-IN-C SHAYKH HAMAD'S STATEMENT (KUWAIT 4897) THAT LOCKHEED HAD NOT RPT NOT FOLLOWED UP ON GOQ INTEREST IN C-130S APPARENTLY ERRONEOUS. I HAVE BEEN TOLD BY RELIABLE SOURCE IN ARMED FORCES THAT ATTIYAH IS RESPONSIBLE AND MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICER AS REGARDS PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT, DEALS DIRECTLY WITH AMIR AND HAS HIS FULL AUTHORITY ON THESE QUESTIONS. I WOULD STILL LIKE TO HAVE LOCKHEED'S VIEW ON STATUS OF C-130 SALES TO GOQ.  
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